

# AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## March 2009



### A AIRPORT OPERATIONS

- Passenger Count
- Aircraft Operations
- Air Freight

The passenger count report will be distributed at the meeting.

### B PROGRAMS

#### 1. Air Service

Earlier this month SBA participated in *Network USA 2009*, an annual air service development conference that provides registration for one-on-one meetings with airline executives. Presentations and discussions took place with American, American Eagle, Delta Airlines, Frontier Airlines, Horizon Air, JetBlue Airways, United Express, and USAirways Express.

USAirways Express discontinued their one daily departure to Las Vegas from SBA on March 9<sup>th</sup> and will replace it with a Phoenix flight on June 2<sup>nd</sup> for a total of five daily departures. The loss was attributed to the virtual pull-down of service out of Las Vegas as a USAirways hub. Without the USAirways Las Vegas service, Allegiant Air has no direct competition out of SBA.

Staff Contact: Terri Gibson, 692-6004

#### 2. Communications Program

##### a. New FlySBA.Com Website Development

Staff is updating and adding new content to the website, including new features and imagery.

##### b. Promotional Item This Month

MTD busboards, water bill inserts, newspaper and magazine ads for Horizon Air's nonstop service to Sacramento.

##### c. Airport Visitors Center Activity

477 students from 6 schools representing 4 school districts received tours or attended a 'Future Flyers' class in February. Five GA clubs held meetings at the Center during the month.

#### **d. Airline Terminal Comment Card Program**

80 cards were collected from the holdrooms and main lobby in February. There were many comments and observations about TSA employees and practices.

#### **e. FlySBA.com Web Statistics**

There were 29,035 sessions recorded in February representing 356,212 hits on the website. The Airport Information Guide, the latest news release about holdroom digital screens, and the Airport Tour Guide were the most popular downloads.

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### **3. Airport Noise Abatement Program**

Planned completion date: Summer 2009

Five potential sites for new noise monitoring terminals were selected and sought by Airport Staff. Airport Staff has received initial concurrence from the County for an additional noise monitoring terminal site, on Ward Drive near Rancho Goleta Mobile Home Park. The Ward Drive site is important in that it is the only potential site located in the vicinity of the 65 CNEL Airport Noise contour.

The request for an installation at La Patera Elementary School was declined, and other locations requested in the City of Goleta and the County were not favorably received. After evaluating the quality of data received from the new flight tracking system, staff feels that seeking additional noise monitoring sites (other than the site near the 65 CNEL at Ward drive) is not necessary. The improved flight tracking information received from the new flight tracking system combined with the information from an additional monitor near the 65 CNEL will meet the objectives of the Noise Compatibility Program. Staff is in the process of submitting an application for a Coastal Development Permit from the County of Santa Barbara for the installation of the noise monitoring terminal site near Ward Drive. Public works is currently revising the site plan portion of the application, to provide additional detail as per County requirements.

Staff Contact: Tracy Lincoln, 967 - 7111

## **4. Property Management**

### **a. Self-Service Fueling Project**

The Lease with MAG Aviation is scheduled for City Council consideration on March 17. The LCP Amendment to incorporate zoning change will be submitted to the Coastal Commission on March 17.

Staff Contact: Hazel Johns, 692-6003

### **b. Airport Ambassador Recruitment**

Interviews with prospective Ambassadors to volunteer at the Airline Terminal continue. Ambassador Orientation is scheduled for March 25, with the program starting on April 6.

Staff Contact: Rebecca Fribley, 692-6022

### **c. Airline Terminal Gift Shop**

The gift shop is back in the central Airline Terminal lobby.

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## **C CAPITAL PROJECTS**

### **1. Airport Terminal Improvement project**

Planned Completion Date: 2011

The initial project phases have been submitted for building permits. The first project in association with Terminal improvements, the SBA Terminal Ramp & Taxiway B Relocation Construction Project, was awarded to Granite Construction on July 22, 2008. Construction commenced with Taxiway K and Taxiway B between Taxiways A and E closed indefinitely due to construction. The Terminal ramp configuration has also changed requiring the airlines to push back aircraft. Construction is approximately 95% complete with this portion of the project. Bids opened for the second project in association with the Terminal improvements, the SBA Temporary Facilities & Site Preparation Project on September 4, 2008. Lash Construction is the low bidder - \$3,475,850. Bids were received for the Airline Terminal Building portion of the project on December 16, 2008. EMMA Corporation is the low bidder - \$32,500,000. The current plan is to award both contracts on, March 10, 2009. Funding issues must be resolved prior to the award of construction contracts.

\$60 Million (14.1M  
AIP Grant, 5.8M  
PFCs, 34.5M Bond  
Funds, 1.0M Airport  
Funds)

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Laurie Owens, 692-6023

## **2. ASP Wetland Mitigation Plan**

Planned Completion Date: 2009

### ASP Wetlands Mitigation Plan

Mitigation associated with the Airfield Safety Projects at a ratio of 4:1.

- Area I Restoration - Completed
- Remainder of Mitigation Plan – The design contract has been scheduled for approval by the City council on March 24, 2009. Construction of the creek restoration plantings, berm restoration and Area R-2 is complete. Phase 2 Tidal Restoration scheduled to begin in 2009.

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## **3. Goleta Slough Tidal Circulation Demonstration Project**

Planned Completion Date: January 2009

This project was modified to restore tidal action to one Goleta Slough basin instead of two basins, due to cost. The Airport has received a Coastal Development Permit amendment from the Coastal Commission for the modified experiment. Construction began in September and was completed in October 2005. Surveys to measure bird activity, vegetation establishment and invertebrate communities was completed in November 2008. Staff has received approval from the California Coastal Commission to extend the reporting period until December 2009. The final report from URS was provided in mid-January 2009 and reviewed by staff. It will be forwarded to FAA and USDA for their review. Staff will be taking a contract to City Council for design of the final tidal mitigation area required for the Airfield Safety Projects in February 2009.

URS Corporation  
\$348,330 (work that is continuing.)

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## **4. Consolidated Rental Car Quick Turn Around Facility**

Planned Completion Date: Fall 2009

This Airport project is to provide a Rental Car Quick Turn Around facility (QTA). The QTA will be relocated off of the Airline Terminal premises on a 3.4 acre site located at 25 David Love Place. It will function to fuel, perform minor service (oil changes, fluid checks, tire repair, etc.) vehicle washing, and vehicle storage. The Santa Barbara City Council awarded a contract to Pat McCarthy Construction on July 1, 2008. Construction has commenced and will take approximately one year to complete. Construction is ongoing with all the site

Project Cost:  
\$8,803,000  
(Customer Facilities Charge revenue)

utilities installed, building walls and slabs completed, solar canopy structural steel installed, and partial site paving completed.

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## **D COUNCIL / AIRPORT COMMISSION ACTIONS**

Council / Airport Commission approved the following recommendations in February:  
Recommendation: That Council / Board Members:

- A. Introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Title 29 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code to Rezone 9.04 Acres of Airport Approach and Operations Zone (A-A-O) to Aviation Facilities Zone (A-F) in the Coastal Zone at the Santa Barbara Municipal Airport; and
- B. Recommend approval of a Local Coastal Program Amendment to the California Coastal Commission to change the corresponding LCP zoning pursuant to State Public Resources Code §30514.

That Council increase appropriations and estimated revenue by \$1,647,802 in the Airport's Grant Fund for the final phase of mitigation for the Runway Safety Area project, to be funded from Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant No. 03-06-0235-37, including the City's 5% match portion (\$233,390) to be funded from Airport reserves above policy.

That the Finance Committee:

- A. Hear an update on the Airport Terminal Project financing; and
- B. Recommend to Council that the City proceed with the award of bids on the project prior to sale of the project bonds.

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